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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Semi-Annual Reports Requested by the President's Board

1. While we will have to comply with any firm requirements of the President's Board, I strongly urge that the Board be asked to re-consider some of the details in its memorandum of 18 June.

2. Reports called for in order to be valid and useful will require a very considerable amount of work. Moreover, those that encompass the functioning of other agencies will probably involve protracted coordination. After considerable effort we convinced Dillon Anderson and, I believe, the President of the desirability of eliminating our semi-annual report and making one on the whole foreign intelligence program as at the end of each fiscal year. You have also directed each of the IAC subsidiaries to make its report on the basis of the fiscal year.

3. Therefore, as a minimum, I urge that you ask the President's Board to accept the IAC report as of 30 June instead of requiring additional reports as of 1 May and 1 November.

4. As to other reports from the various offices of CIA, I would also urge that these be done on the basis of the fiscal year, or at least semi-annually as of 30 June and 31 December. All the statistical records are

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now maintain, all of our programming studies, etc., are based on the fiscal year or its component quarters. To recast and recompute these for the half years requested by the Board would seem to me to involve unjustified effort and expense.

5. Whatever the decision may be as to the foregoing, I recommend that each deputy be assigned responsibility for preparing the bulk of reference of reports of their offices rather than have the IG issue instructions directly to the assistant directors. For example, the suggested outline omits the activities of [ ] entirely, ILLEGIB and each of these performs functions which can be summarized profitably in statistical form.

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